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RIYADH FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: AMOCO DRILLING IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 38405 (TOSEC 20132)

1. FROM HERE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL ADEQUATELY
OCVER THE SUBJECT.

2. STICKING POINT FOR GOE ON ANY FORMULA WE DEVISE IS
THE PRINCIPLE OF HAVING TO REQUEST ISRAELI PERMISSION
TO OPERATE EAST OF ISRAEL'S SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE.
JUDGING FROM EVRON'S COMMENTS, IT IS PRECISELY THIS
PRINCIPLE WHICH THE ISRAELIS ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH.
AS DEPT AWARE, GOE WANTS TO PLACE ON US THE ENTIRE
BURDEN OF HANDLING THE ISRAELIS WHEN IT COMES TO AMOCO
DRILLING NEW SITES EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE. THIS IS
CLEARLY A SIMPLISTIC APPROACH, BUT GOE MAY BE EXPECTED
TO REFUSE ANY FORMULA THAT IMPLIES ASKING ISRAELI
PERMISSION TO DRILL IN WHAT EGYPTIANS REGARD AS THEIR
CONCESSION AREAS. GOE KNOWS THAT WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE
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VALIDITY OF ISRAELI IMPOSED MEDIAN LINE AND IS CONCERNED
THAT OUR PAST FORMULA SEEMS TO ACCORD IT AT LEAST DE FACTO
RECOGNITION AND THEREFORE COMPROMISES OUR LEGAL
POSITION ON THIS POINT.

3. ANOTHER STICKING POINT WITH FAHMY HAS BEEN THE IDEA
OF RECOGNIZING IN ANY WAY THAT ISRAEL HAS A LEGAL

POSITION WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS IS CLEARLY SHORT-SIGHTED AND UNREALISTIC. IF "PERMISSION" ISSUE WERE RESOLVED, I BELIEVE THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM WOULD BE MANAGEABLE.

4. HAVE JUST RECEIVED TEL AVIV 1239, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF SEEKING ISRAELI PERMISSION OR APPROVAL IS STILL VERY MUCH WITH US. WE CAN ASK AMOCO TO LET US KNOW OF ANY FUTURE DRILLING PLANS EAST OF THE LINE, BUT GOE IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THE NON-ACCEPTABILITY OF HAVING TO ASK FOR ISRAELI APPROVAL TO DRILL IN ITS CONCESSION AREAS.
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